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VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

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| DG – Directorate – Unit | DG ENV-F-1 |
| Post number in sysper: | 413989 |
| Contact person:  Provisional starting date:  Initial duration:  Place of secondment: | Astrid LADEFOGED  3rd quarter 2023  2 years  Brussels  Luxemburg  Other: Click or tap here to enter text. |
|  | With allowances  Cost-free |
| This vacancy notice is open to:  EU Member States  EFTA-EEA In-Kind agreement (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway) | |
| This vacancy notice is also open to:  The following EFTA countries:  Iceland  Liechtenstein  Norway  Switzerland  The following third countries:  The following intergovernmental organisations: | |
| Deadline for applications | 2 months  1 month |

**Entity Presentation (We are)**

The "Planetary Common Goods, Universal Values and Environmental Security" Unit of DG Environment (ENV.F.1), situated in the DG’s international directorate deals with a range of highly relevant and politically visible files relating to the sustainable management of key natural resources globally (forests, water), the link of environmental policies with climate and energy, and the environment-stability-peace nexus.

The unit aims to enhance the understanding of this nexus and its link to resource management, and pursues a better integration of the importance to protect the natural resource base in EU and global policy responses on climate, energy, development, trade, and foreign and security policy.

The unit currently comprises 15 friendly and highly motivated staff members.

**Job Presentation (We propose)**

We propose an interesting position on a dynamic file of increasing political importance in view of accelerating challenges regarding water resilience both in the EU and globally. The successful candidate will be part of a small team dealing with international water policy issues (multilateral, regional and – in cooperation with the neighbouring unit – bilateral with key partners). The expert will contribute in particular to:

* Promoting EU priorities regarding water and a better mainstreaming of water in global processes (including on climate, food, health, sustainable consumption and production, biodiversity and peace and security)
* Ensuring an effective follow up to the outcomes of the UN 2023 Water Conference
* Engaging in the work on the UNECE Water Convention
* Raising awareness and understanding for the links between water resilience and global conflicts, instability, migration and humanitarian disasters
* Defining priorities for water cooperation with key bilateral partners
* Working on the interdependence between water and energy in the context of the global energy transition.

In the discharge of his/her duties, the colleague will be involved in the drafting of policy documents and will frequently interact with internal and external stakeholders. He/she will participate in relevant Council Working Party and inter-service co-ordination meetings, in bilateral and multilateral international negotiations, and in dialogues with stakeholders, including representatives of third countries and international organizations, think tanks, private sector and civil society, as necessary. He/she will undertake other relevant tasks as assigned by the Head of Unit. The post involves frequent contacts with other services within the Commission (particularly DG INTPA, DG ECHO, DG ENER, DG AGRI, DG GROW, DG CLIMA and the EEAS).

**Jobholder Profile (We look for)**

Diploma

- university degree or

- professional training or professional experience of an equivalent level

in the field(s) : law, international relations, environmental/political sciences, economics, or related disciplines.

Professional experience

Experience in policy development and implementation and/or international processes would be an advantage.

The applicant should be able to demonstrate a high level of organization skills and team spirit, with a sense of initiative.

The person we are looking for should be willing to travel.

Language(s) necessary for the performance of duties

Fluent and proficient spoken and written English is required, while a good knowledge of French is an advantage.

**Eligibility criteria**

The secondment will be governed by the **Commission Decision C(2008) 6866** of 12/11/2008 laying down rules on the secondment to the Commission of national experts and national experts in professional training (SNE Decision).

Under the terms of the SNE Decision, a national expert needs to comply with the following eligibility criteria at **the starting date** of the secondment:

Professional experience: at least three years of professional experience in administrative, legal, scientific, technical, advisory or supervisory functions which are equivalent to those of function group AD.

Seniority: having worked for at least one full year (12 months) with the current employer on a permanent or contract basis.

Employer: must be a national, regional or local administration or an intergovernmental public organisation (IGO); exceptionally and following a specific derogation, the Commission may accept applications where the employer is a public sector body (e.g., an agency or regulatory institute), university or independent research institute.

Linguistic skills: thorough knowledge of one of the EU languages and a satisfactory knowledge of another EU language to the extent necessary for the performance of the duties. The national expert from a third country must produce evidence of a thorough knowledge of the EU language necessary for the performance of his duties.

**Conditions of secondment**

During the full duration of the secondment, the national expert remains employed and remunerated by his / her employer and covered by his / her (national) social security system.

He / she shall exercise his / her duties within the Commission under the conditions as set out by aforementioned SNE Decision and be subject to the rules on confidentiality, loyalty and absence of conflict of interest as defined therein.

Allowances can only be granted when the national expert fulfils the conditions provided for in Article 17 of the SNE decision.

Staff posted in a European Union Delegation are required to have a security clearance (up to SECRET UE/EU SECRET level according to [Commission Decision (EU, Euratom) 2015/444 of 13 March 2015](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32015D0444). The selected candidate has the obligation to launch the vetting procedure before getting the secondment confirmation.

**Submission of applications and selection procedure**

Candidates should send their application according to the **Europass CV format** ([[Create your Europass CV | Europass](https://europa.eu/europass/en/create-europass-cv)](http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/documents/curriculum-vitae)) in English, French or German **only to the Permanent Representation / Diplomatic Mission to the EU of their country**, which will forward it to the competent services of the Commission within the deadline fixed by the latter.The CV must mention the date of birth and the nationality of the candidate.

Candidates are asked not to add any other documents(such as copy of passport, copy of degrees or certificate of professional experience, etc.). If necessary, these will be requested at a later stage.

**Processing of personal data**

The Commission will ensure that candidates’ personal data are processed as required by Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council ([[1]](#footnote-1)). This applies in particular to the confidentiality and security of such data. Before applying, please read the attached privacy statement.

1. () Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC (OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p. 39 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)